

# VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the removal of Middle Creek in Tazewell County, Virginia from the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) list. This stream was listed on the 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for the General Standard (Benthic Macroinvertebrates).

A public meeting regarding removing Middle Creek from the TMDL list due to recent data that shows an improvement in the aquatic organism community will be **November 16, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Cedar Bluff Town Hall in Cedar Bluff, Virginia. The Town Hall is located next to Town Square on Business Route 460 in Cedar Bluff. Cedar Bluff is in Tazewell County off Route 460, between Claypool Hill the Town of Richlands. The recent data on Middle Creek indicates it is fully supporting aquatic life use.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The fully supporting segment of Middle Creek is located in Tazewell County. It includes the entire length of stream, 10.01 miles beginning at the headwaters and ending at its confluence with Clinch River in Cedar Bluff.

The public comment period will end on **December 17, 2004**. Information about Middle Creek is available upon request or can be viewed at the DEQ website, [www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl). Questions or written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and be addressed to Nancy T. Norton, P. E., Department of Environmental Quality, 355 Deadmore Street, P. O. Box 1688, Abingdon, Virginia 24212, telephone (276) 676-4807, Fax (276) 676-4899 or e-mail [ntnorton@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:ntnorton@deq.virginia.gov).